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Board cut 5%

by Andrew Milne

Haliburton and Minden hospital cuts will be about twice as deep this year as last.

That, say board members, is both surprising and upsetting.

The cuts will come to around $130,000. This compares with the $62,000 that the board expected to have to trim from its spending. The amount is about 5.3 per cent of provincial transfers to the board as comapred to 2.5 per cent.

The board has not yet met formally since news of the cuts reached officers and therefore does not have an official position on the issue. However board members and HHHS executive director Foster Loucks did volunteer that the difference is probably very significant, and potentially very damaging.

"Obviously, any time you take that big a cut in your budget, it poses difficulties... Five per cent is a lot in a small organization, especially when it does come as a surprise like this."

Some board members would even call it something of a betrayal, in the context under which the board took over management of the local institutions. They note, the board has to complete its capital planning process — something it's eager to do — before it's going to be able to find the economies it needs to adjust to deeper cuts. They understand that many hospitals are taking deeper cuts, but this was part of the deal as they understood it in taking over management early.

Minden board member Douglas Campbell said, "There really hasn't been time to react to it yet in any terms but the negative, and we still need to work out what this is going to mean... But I think the point is this: we took on the management of the local hospitals about three years early. We did so with the encouragement of the province, with the understanding from them that it would be difficult, until we'd managed to overhaul the local structures, to get the kind of savings we're looking for. So the understanding was they'd shelter us for a little while, until that was done... They seem to have conveniently forgotten that. They're going to be reminded."

Campbell says that overall, the cut amounts to around 4.8 per cent of the expenditures budget.

Board member Paul Heffer made similar comments. "We haven't had a chance to discuss it, or look at all the implications. But it's obviously a surprise. We were expecting 2.5 per cent. If it is going to be five, I think we'll need to approach the powers that be and talk to them about the reasons we think it's not prudent at this time to impose that kind of reduction. Obviously the economies that we are going to gain through the restructuring that will allow us more flexibility won't come into effect until the capital construction is finished. So until that time we have very little room to manoeuvre with a cut that big... This is just me speaking without having discussed it with the board, but it will probably be very difficult to continue to provide services if that's the actual reduction we will be receiving, and if we won't back away from that reduction."

The government made announcements of the cuts January 31. Province wide, cuts are between five and eight per cent of transfers, and total $435 million — slightly ahead of last year's cut of $365 million.

The Ontario Hospital Association (OHA) has also reacted to the cuts, with comments that seem to suggest the Haliburton board's position isn't so atypical. Said OHA president David MacKinnon in a release shortly after the announcement, "OHA is supportive of hospital restructuring and believes that it is essential to the future of the industry, but we've told the government on many occasions that either restructuring takes place at a faster rate — so that savings can come from restructuring and not from across-the-board cuts — or the government must put its hospital funding reduction plans on hold so that patient care won't be endangered... The situation now is one where many hospitals will be forced to cut back on services in an ad hoc manner while other health providers are not yet placed to handle the increased patient demand they are experiencing as a result."

FLIPPING GOOD TIME: Ken Noble, past president of the Haliburton Lions Club and president Alf Hellman, in the apron, drew grill duty early Saturday morning as the club served a pancake and sausage breakfast. The club sponsored the meal as its contribution to the Haliburton Snowfest weekend. Ideal weather attracted hundreds of snowmobilers from throughout the province to the annual event.

Barber report recommends "interdependence"

Reaction generally positive

by Jerry Grozelle

Reaction to the release of the Barber Report was generally positive, with some municipal councils reserving judgement until they have had the chance to digest the information presented in the report.

Barber and Associates spent a day at each of Haliburton's 10 municipalities analyzing figures, determining which municipalities are achieving the best efficiencies and setting realistic "unit cost benchmarks" for the major activities which are performed by the municipalities. The goal is for all municipalities to strive to achieve those benchmarks. For example, unit cost for snow plowing township roads throughout the county range from a low of $360 to a high of $1,500 per kilometre per year. By setting a benchmark of $450, and if all municipalities achieve that benchmark, the savings throughout the county would be $200,000 per year.

The other major cost savings identified in the Barber report include:

■ Transferring all county road maintenance to the townships, for an estimated saving of $600,000.

■ Transferring the winter maintenance of the soon-to-be- acquired Provincial Highways to the townships -- $190,000.

■ Improving general government costs to a benchmark of $116 per household per year in all townships -- $200,000.

■ Improving buildings and by-laws costs to a benchmark of $18 per household per year in all townships -- $60 000.

Under ideal circumstances, the report estimates a potential savings of at least $1.25-million. It should be noted that the figures which were used for the study were from 1995. Over the past year, many municipalities have negotiated arrangements with their neighbours to share services, thereby realizing savings that will have been reflected in the report.

Other recommendations

Among the report's recommendations is to resolve municipal structure issues. Barber suggests the following :

■ Retain the existing municipal structure of one county government and 10 townships.

■ Use the identified savings and future efficiencies to eliminate dependence on provincial funding and attain financial self-sufficiency.

■ Petition the Province to base future block-grant cuts on municipal efficiency.

■ Reduce the size of the Dysart et al Council or reduce its compensation.

■ Reduce the size of County Council to show the Province your commitment to reduce the number of elected officials.

Developing cost-effective interdependence will result in additional savings, Barber suggests. He advised the local governments to:

■ Refine the unit costs identified in this report with more detailed numbers.

■ Develop unit costs for all other municipal programs and activities.

■ Establish an integrated management reporting system to fully utilize the results of the unit-cost work.

■ Acquire the necessary technology to link all of the municipalities in the County to begin sharing administrative functions.

■ Identify the characteristics of each benchmark operation so that its procedures and methods can be made available to all.

■ Select one or more "mentors" to assist each municipality to make full use of the benchmark procedures and methods.

■ Decide on the future status of the County

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For five year-old Jack: *'the beat goes on'*

by Jerry Grozelle

Heart problems aren't limited to people over the age of 40. Nobody knows that better than Scott and Heather Valentine and their three boys, of Minden.

When their son Jack was a little more than a year old he was diagnosed with a rare heart disorder called third degree congenital heart block. The Valentines learned Jack had the disorder when he was taken to the hospital to be checked after a fall. The attending physician Kristy Gammon noticed that Jack's heart beat was low, even though he was in a stressful situation.

"That was on a Friday night," Heather said. "On Sunday the doctor called back and on the Wednesday he was at Sick Kids Hospital."

The condition is extremely rare, with only about 25 diagnosed cases in Canada. Most of those are adults.

Jack underwent surgery to implant a pacemaker in his chest at Sick Children's Hospital in Toronto on January 13. The procedure took about four hours. First, doctors had to put in a temporary external pacemaker to sustain Jack's heartbeat while they implanted a more permanent pacemaker. The unit, complete with lithium battery, is expected to keep Jack's heart functioning normally for seven years, at which time a new pacemaker will be implanted.

"The technology that is available now is unbelievable," Heather said. "It's hard to imagine what it will be like when he goes back in seven years."

The pacemaker will keep Jack's heart pumping at about 70 beats per minute when he is inactive. Otherwise, it will accelerate normally as his activity level increases.

The usual length of stay in hospital after a pacemaker implant procedure is a minimum of five days. The doctors explained to his parents how Jack was expected to progress and what steps would be achieved over the course of several days after the operation. But he progressed so well, they gave him the okay to go home after just three days.

By delaying the operation until Jack was five years old, it gave him some time to grow and made it easier to perform the surgery. By that time, however, his heart had enlarged, because of the extra work, to the point where it was beginning to displace other organs.

His mom says that he has an extra couple of feet of wire coiled inside his chest cavity to make sure there is enough to expand as he grows.

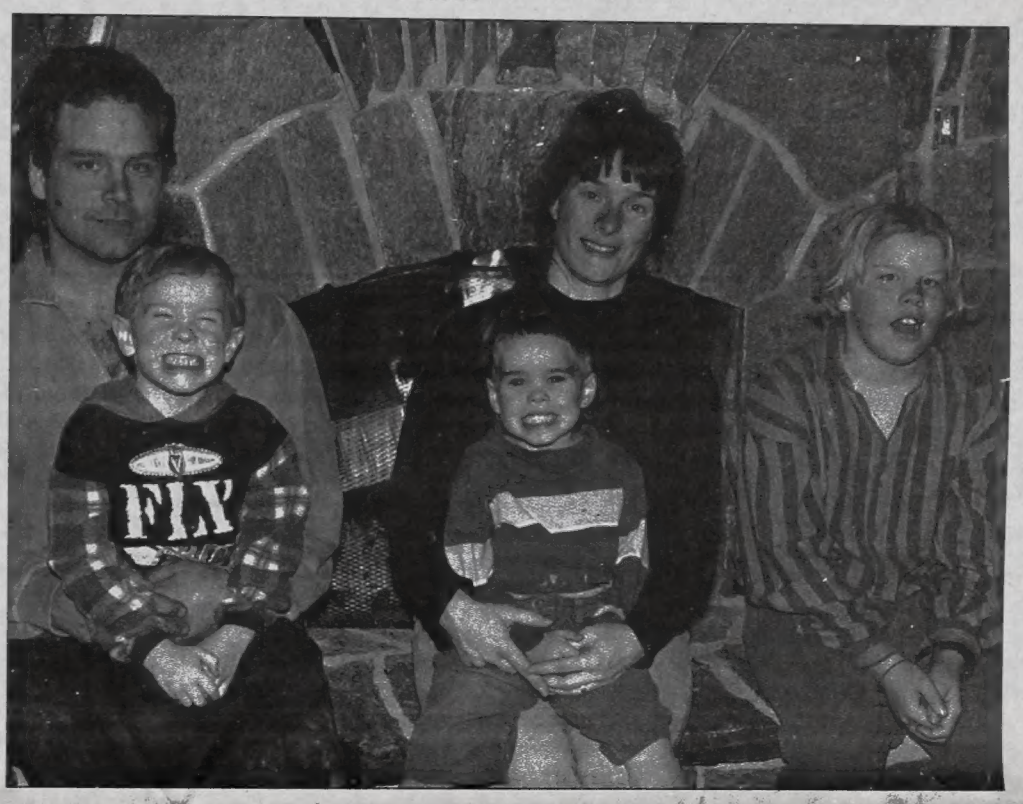
Jack's pacemaker can be recalibrated over the telephone if the need arises. Heather said she just has to attach a receiver to his chest, plug it into the telephone line and dial the hospital in Toronto. The pulses are fed through a computer at the hospital and the pacemaker is reset to the proper level through the remote computer link.

With his new pacemaker, there are very few things Jack can't do. He must avoid any electric shocks or strong magnetic fields. But, as far as being a rambunctous five year old, he will generally be able to participate in the same activities as his classmates at Archie Stouffer Elementary School.

The Heart and Stroke Foundation is very close to home for the Valentines. With Jack's problem under control he is looking forward to this Saturday, February 15. That's when Jack and his brothers Connor, three, and Dan, 12, will be participating in the Fit for Heart Ski-A-Thon at Sir Sam's Ski Resort. They have set a goal of raising at least $500 in combined pledges between the three of them.

Heather works full time at Sir Sam's Ski School, so she will be helping with the operation of the Fit for Heart event, while Scott will be assisting their youngest son on the ski hill.

For any skiers who are interested in participating in the Fit for Heart fund-raiser as Sir Sam's, pledge sheets are available at any of the eight schools in Haliburton County. They will also be available in Minden at The Times office, 134 Bobcaygeon Road and in Haliburton at The Echo, corner of York and Maple streets.



HAPPY VALENTINES: The Valentine family at home in Minden three weeks after five year-old Jack had a pacemaker implanted in his chest to correct his heart problems. They will be participating in the Fit for Heart Ski-a-Thon at Sir Sam's Ski Resort this weekend. Jack sits on his father Scott's knee, with younger brother Connor, mom Heather and older brother Dan on the right.

Barber Report money well spent, some say

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engineering and construction functions.

■ Consider the sharing of planning services among the municipalities in the County.

■ Petition the Province to delegate the issuance of occupancy certificates which is currently done by the Regional Assessment office.

"The current Government of Ontario has committed itself to increasing the effectiveness of delivering services and to reducing their costs - both at the provincial and at the municipal levels," Barber said. "The preferred method of achieving this goal seems to be through the elimination of as many municipalities as possible by amalgamation.

"If revenues have to be increased," Barber added. "One council or another is going to have to do it. whether it's the individual council or it's the county council. But the revenues are all going to have to come out of the same pockets. So, I can't see any advantage, from a revenue side, to being amalgamated."

On the question of sharing of services with other municipalities, Barber said: "The chips haven't been down (in the past). The chips are down now. The choice is do it, or go out of business."

"The easy thing to do would be to take this report and nit pick it to death, and we could all do that if we want to," said warden Murray Fearrey. "But in general terms he's laid out some terms where we can all do better. And I think that's what we spent the money for. I think if we look at the report with that in mind, it will have some value to us. If we don't, then we've had a nice afternoon and things will be as they are until somebody else changes them for us."

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A critical analysis of the major changes to social programs

The unknown factor: the province, municipalities, and social programs

by Andrew Milne

As of this writing, no one seems too sure which way things are going to go.

During megaweek, in the midst of the blitz of bills introduced to supposedly settle between provincial and municipal jurisdictions who would be responsible for which sectors of government, the province announced it would be downloading much of the burden for social programs — welfare, childcare, and long-term care — along with social housing — to the municipalities. It was a "trade" involving education funding which the province billed as 'revenue neutral'.

Within weeks, it started looking a little less than final. Critics crunching the numbers for Metro Toronto started using terms like 'potential disaster', in reference to the province's move. Tellingly, Who Does What commission head David Crombie spoke out, loudly, and in no uncertain terms, to denounce the decision, making public one basic fact. He hadn't recommended this. Nor had the studies he had reviewed. In fact, the studies had recommended quite the opposite.

The province may or may not now be reconsidering. It isn't clear yet. Haliburton County observers might be forgiven if, through all of this, they felt a certain ambivalence — a feeling that this is the cities' problem — maybe even that the cities might just deserve it. Catch phrases like 'user pay' filtered through the province. Shouldn't the cities pay, if it's their problem? The province seems to have done the fair, if difficult thing, with reforms to property taxation, over the protests of urban residents. Are social programs a parallel case?

Social program downloading for the immediate future, on the face of it, doesn't look like a huge problem here. Particularly in Haliburton County, where education costs have been only lightly subsidized due to the nature of the assessment system, removing the education costs entirely from local taxes makes a huge difference, at around $16 million — apparently well over the current costs of health and social programs. There are a lot of variables still out there, however, and cautious commentators aren't committing themselves yet. County clerk Les Shepherd says he hopes to assemble the first set of county numbers on the subject next week, but notes that even then there will still be a lot of unknowns.

County residents might, in any case, want to take a closer look at what the critics have to say about local funding of social programs. Indeed, Haliburton citizens may find their jurisdiction is anything but immune from the difficulties urban areas might face. Further, independently of such regional concerns, Haliburton residents might simply ask this: if all the advice they've had so far says don't do this, why is the provincial government doing it? And if they do it, what is it going to do to the province?

Property taxes and social programs

The central line from the critics, with respect to funding social programs via property taxes, is that it's an inappropriate use of the revenue source.

The Fair Tax Commission's report, one of the key documents the Crombie commission was assigned to review, was resoundingly clear on this aspect of the problem. The FTC described social programs in parallel terms to public education. "Education and social services," it found, "clearly do not fit fairness criteria for benefit taxation... because benefits from these services accrue to the community at large as well as to the individual, it would be impossible to devise a benefit tax or user charge that fairly reflected the benefit from the service... Our conclusion, therefore, is that education and social services should not be funded from local property taxes."

The rationale was that collected taxes should be used for reasons related to the taxation method. Property taxes, being related to the occupation or ownership of property, should be used more for hard services that benefit the property owner — such as roads, water service, sewer service, and other clearly local community enhancements.

The benefits of social services, however, accrue more to the province at large. The benefits of a decent health program and a decent social assistance program — a civil society, a decent society — affect everyone.

Furthermore, and more critically, it is the nature of such programs that they probably cannot be maintained at any level of consistency by smaller jurisdictions. Those arguing the point have history on their side — and can refer to the reason the province got involved in social assistance in the first place: smaller jurisdictions, hit by financial crisis, have the hardest time paying for the services at precisely the times they need them most. The whole ethos and strength of the concept of social assistance by public governments —

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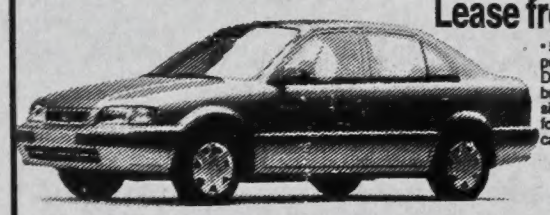
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The unknown factor

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a larger community sharing its strength — is defeated by isolating the providers within their respective communities.

Doug Raven, executive director of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario comments, "If a community depends on a mine and the mine closes, the time when the municipality is going to have trouble raising revenue is going to be the time it's going to need it most... By provincial statute, municipalities are not allowed to budget for a deficit or incur a deficit. If they do they have to make it up in the following year. So they're not in the position the province is to spend more, when times are tough, on welfare and spend less when times are better and make it even-out over time... By putting this type of expense on the property tax base, you are going to probably encourage fairly significant swings in property taxes over time."

Whether those taxes will always be able to swing is another matter, and therein lies one of the more unpleasant side effects of the globalized, deregulated economy — the corroding influence it can have on the ability of the members of the public to protect themselves and to set community standards. If governments can cooperate and coordinate — say at a provincial, better at a national, best at an international level — they can ensure certain minimum standards are met, with respect to social programs.

If, however, they cannot manage that sort of coordination, in an era of increasingly fluid capital, what is to stop businesses from merely moving next door, to the jurisdictions with lower standards, lower taxes, and cheaper programs? Competition might even force them to do so, the result being that such public policy — popular with restructuring governments the world over — could well encourage the celebrated 'race to the bottom' on an intra-provincial scale, with neighbouring municipalities competing with one another to find the loopholes through which to offer cheaper programs, resulting in declining standards through all jurisdictions. Crombie made comments touching on this aspect in his recent critique, with respect to funding the social programs at the municipal level. "You're going to hit the poor," he said, "or drive out business. This is not an appropriate public policy."

The province has made two moves it might be able to hold up as a defense against such criticism. It has said it will continue setting standards in some program areas, and assured that it will provide funding for jurisdictions that get into financial trouble in crisis periods. But if the government has to hedge against the flaws in its own strategy with such qualifying measures, why is it pursuing the strategy at all? The contradiction seems to have led to the second central criticism of the decision.

Disentanglement?

If the reforms are enacted, funding will still be divided between the two levels of government. The administration and control of program standards — possibly for the actually excellent reasons mentioned above — may be less so. Altogether, some of the municipalities aren't sure they're happy with that deal.

Says Raven, "We had hoped that we would see a clearer delineation of responsibilities... so that you'd have, to the extent that it's possible, different levels of government 100 per cent responsible for different services, and controlling the services that they are required to fund. Unfortunately what we have is quite the opposite. Municipalities are going to be asked to pay for all of social housing, pay for 50 per cent of long term care, 50 per cent of social assistance, and it appears they have very little say in the policy that's set... One of the real issues around long term care is that not only are the municipalities being asked to pay 50 per cent, but they're not even going to get to set their local long term care budget. A centralized provincial agency is going to dictate to them what their contribution is. Which is exactly the opposite of what disentanglement principles would suggest should happen."

So why did the province do this? MPP Chris Hodgson says it's because this is what it was asked to do. Said Hodgson in an interview late in the week of all the announcements, "Back in the days when the NDP talked about disentanglement, they talked about taking welfare 100 per cent to the province. AMO (Association of Municipalities of Ontario) and ROMA (Rural Municipalities of Ontario) and Haliburton County trustees said 'well, this is nice — they're taking a program that's at its maximum — it's going to decline — they're taking that, so they'll achieve 100 per cent of the savings in decline in welfare. They're giving us programs that are going to go up... That was a major criticism."

Whatever ROMA and the county said, that's not, according to Raven, what happened at AMO.

"That's not the case at all. We actually had a draft agreement with the provincial government which was going to move the cost of welfare allowances completely off the property tax base... It was supposedly a fiscally neutral agreement... Unfortunately the day the AMO board met to ratify that agreement, the provincial government announced that it would be reducing municipal transfers by almost half a billion dollars. The sector said 'how can you expect us to agree to a fiscally neutral agreement on one table at the same time as you're picking our pocket on another?'... The association has always fundamentally opposed the funding of certain services from property taxes, particularly social assistance."

The only reason the province has given AMO for the move, says Raven, is the issue of expense. It can't afford to take both the social programs and education into the provincial purview. The argument it's giving the municipalities on this score, however, is that this isn't going to hurt them. It's supposed to be revenue neutral — a fair trade.

Not so neutral

Which leads, finally, to the third big problem with the reforms. Contrary to government claims, they may well be a long way from revenue neutral.

The first problem is that the numbers the government is using to make its case are missing a few things. Says Raven, "The figures that the province has released that show a fiscally neutral tradeoff do not take into consideration the fact that there are 656 million dollars which are current given to municipalities under the municipal support program. That program is disappearing... Off the bat, municipalities are out $656 million. On top of that, the provincial government intends to hand over to municipalities about 4,000 km in provincial highways. The amount that municipalities are going to have to pay to maintain those highways over time is not being included in the calculation."

The second potential problem seems to be related more to the province's portrayal of just what's been going on in Ontario over the past year with respect to use of social programs. The way government sources tell it, Hodgson included, welfare use is plunging, and the economy is improving, and all of this is expected to continue. So say their economists. The rosy picture painted — a recovery underway, thousands leaving the welfare rolls and returning to work — is compelling.

It's also probably quite misleading.

There are actually two problems with that picture, say sources at the National Anti-Poverty Association and the Social Planning Council for Metropolitan Toronto. First, the government study on which it based such claims in the first place was obviously and glaringly flawed.

Andy Mitchell, of the social planning council points out, "The government claims that people are leaving social programs in droves for employment are at best unproven. The study that they released to that effect was so full of holes it was barely worth the paper it was written on, let alone the $80,000 they paid for it. All they found was in one month — they tried to contact 16,000 people or something — and managed to talk to about 2,200. And of the 2,200 something like 60 per cent had managed to get some kind of employment. The rest of them, they couldn't reach. They'd moved, or didn't have phones, or whatever."

The problem is in extrapolating what the government says the sample group it was able to contact told it, to the group of welfare recipients as a whole. The point is, if welfare recipients have moved in with family, or into the street, or been forced to another province, or had to cut off their phone service, of course they can't answer a phone survey. They'd be the ones the survey would be most likely to miss, wildly skewing the results to show just what the government would like it to show.

This isn't really news. The story broke months ago. But it bears repeating in the context of additional government claims the numbers will continue to plunge.

Mitchell almost laughs when he relates the story, "You can only make those kinds of assumptions," he says, "if you're quite certain that the sample you did talk to is similar to the population you didn't talk to. That's not the case here. There's every reason to believe there's a difference between these two groups... Even the finding that in one month a bunch of people left social assistance for employment is not such a big deal of an observation. People do that all the time. People are always leaving welfare for work. The question is whether that's going up or down, and a one month study isn't going to tell you that."

100,000 people missing

The second problem with respect to the government's claims — a more compelling, and far less forgiving matter of fact than any economists' theoretical predictions — is that by the numbers, the quantity of jobs created in the province simply haven't kept pace with the number of people dropping off the welfare rolls. Nor, for that matter, have they even come close.

It was former director of NAPO (National Anti-Poverty Organization) François Dumaine who did the first study on the issue. It was a fairly straightforward affair. He looked at the number of jobs produced. He looked at the drop in the welfare rolls. There was simply no way the former could account for the latter.

The numbers were nothing less than dramatic — 115,000 people had left welfare in the first months after the elgibility changes — numbers of which the provincial government was quite proud. In the same period, however, less than 10,000 jobs had been created.

In other words, more than 100,000 people were unaccounted for.

No one — and that does mean no one — knew where they were all going. Dumaine ventured to speculate that people were moving in with family, to other provinces, into the street, or into the underground, but couldn't say for sure. The trouble is, no one in Canada is tracking that kind of movement. Nor

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"We asked David Crombie and his colleagues how we could make the provincial and municipal levels of government in Ontario work better... You will see through the government's announcements this week that we have adopted the bulk of the panel's recommendations in whole or in part."

— Al Leach, Minister of Munipal Affairs and Housing, January 13.

"Education and social services clearly do not fit fairness criteria for benefit taxation outlined earlier. Because benefits from these services accrue to the community at large as well as to the individual, it would be impossible to devise a benefit tax or user charge that fairly reflected the benefit from the service... Our conclusion, therefore, is that education and social services should not be funded from local property taxes."

— The Fair Tax Commission, 1993.

"In our final report, we wanted to... make sure people understood that (burdening municipalities with the cost of social services) was absolutely the wrong thing to do... Municipalities can't borrow. The only way they can deal with any increasing caseload... is to either cut services or raise taxes."

— David Crombie, following 1997 announcements.

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Editorial

Municipalities without borders

There is, no doubt, efficiencies can be created working within the eleven municipal jurisdictions, as they now exist in Haliburton County. The recently completed Barber report, delivered last week to the councillors and senior staff, suggest it is possible, and even identifies a variety of cost standards or 'benchmarks' for which each municipality should strive to remain "competitive". As enticing as this approach may be, and obviously we are not opposed to greater efficiencies, sharing resources and streamlining the delivery of services, we question whether the savings outlined in the report can be achieved by eleven separate administrations no matter how closely they co-operate.

While the report says it is possible for the current structure to survive, it tacitly admits that only by breaking down the barriers between the 11 jurisdictions can any savings be achieved. Transferring responsibilities for certain services, like roads, may generate reduced costs in one jurisdiction, but it increases costs in another. We wonder, will the cost cutting in one sector result in a net saving for the taxpayers, or will other programs rush in to capture some of those unclaimed taxes before a reduction in expenditure is declared. Likewise, when an expenditure for road maintenance is transferred from one jurisdiction to another, will the actual cost remain constant. Some may suggest it could in fact be reduced. We think, more than likely it will be increased.... new equipment will be required, new operators, new administrators.

The Barber report, while supporting the status quo, in fact recognizes that eleven jurisdictions cannot be operated efficiently. By recommending co-operation, sharing of services and linking administrations, it is as much as saying that the borders between municipalities are impediments to efficient use of the local taxpayers' dollar. If the borders should be ignored in the rush to achieve greater savings, then we wonder why they should continue to exist at all?

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Letters

Hunters find Arthur's article misleading

Editor:

Arthur Black's January 13 column headline *"Arthur goes hunting for dorks"* is one of the more unfortunate articles to have appeared in print. Not only does the author show a resounding lack of knowledge about bears, he also misleads your readers with his misinformation and cultural intolerance.

Bear populations in Ontario are healthy; so healthy in fact that incidents of unwanted bear and human interactions are increasing. Many studies have proven conclusively that hunted populations of bears are healthier. Hunting reduces the incidence of cannibalism among bears and it reduces unwanted bear predation in agricultural and urban areas. As well, let's not forget that hunting also provides opportunities with increased tourism, guiding and outfitting operations.

Mr. Black passes his judgement on bear baiting without the benefit of actual or even vicarious experience. Baiting allows hunters to determine the sex of the animals and whether there are cubs present. It is illegal to shoot a sow with cubs. And, if Mr. Black had even taken the time to witness bear baiting, he would know that it isn't as "easy as fishing with grenades". In actuality, bear hunting takes an enormous amount of planning and effort and success is never guaranteed.

Mr. Black did make an effort to differentiate between hunters and poachers. There is no comparison. However, he also managed to show his cultural intolerance to the Asian community and to hunters, without whom, black bears would be in a lot worse shape.

Had Mr. Black done his research he would have discovered that bears have been valued in the Asian Medical community for centuries. Bears are the only mammals that produce significant amounts of bile acid *tauro ursodeoxycholic* (U.D.C.A.), a compound highly regarded for the treatment of serious illnesses. Medicinal applications include treatment of cancer, liver ailments, burns, asthma and even haemorrhoids. However, Japanese scientists succeeded in chemically synthesizing bear bile in 1955 and it is no longer necessary to harvest bears for their galls.

Hunters have long understood the need for conservation. The Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters insisted bears be given protection as a designated game animal and, in doing so, regulations were placed on the harvesting of bears. Just a few short years ago, these magnificent animals were considered nothing more than a nuisance. The OFAH continues to lobby for better laws and tougher penalties for poaching and the illegal trade of bear parts.

Mr. Black may not understand or even like hunting. But he should be able to grasp the fact that bear meat is delicious and nutritious and it is not available in grocery stores.

And, as for Black's supposed mastery of the English Language, current dictionaries do not include the word 'dork'. Perhaps his next column might use those four letters as an acronym for Diligent, Observant, Respectable and Kind people because that is what most hunters stand for.

Chris Brousseau,
OFAH Special Advisor, Conservation Issues,
Peterborough.

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Designation goes ahead

Editor:

On January 28, 1997, the Board of Canadian Heritage Rivers recommended designation of the Trent-Severn waterway as a Heritage River. The board, made up of unaccountable bureaucrats from the other nine provinces and two territories, has made a decision that will affect Ontario residents living in the TSW watershed.

Contrary to the feeble assurances offered by chairman Bruce Duffin, an Albertan, Ontario government representative Norman Richards and TSW General Manager, John Lewis, the board has delivered a knock-out punch to the property rights of Ontarians living in the TSW watershed. Those wise to political jargon know that any management plan ALWAYS means more regulation. Mr. Richards is not being forthcoming when he

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Being had

Editor:

The whole thesis that Capitalism is built on "self-effort will bring self-worth" is not logical if the invention and design of man's system is the continued loss of human labour, replaced by fast, efficient machines specifically designed to limit human input.

Recognize this and you recognize how you are being had.

No Wiebe,
Stanhope.

Arthur Black

Geezer Rock: revisiting the stars of the 70's

The Geezers are back.

Truth to tell, the geezers never went away. I'm talking about Mick and Neil and Tina and Joni and Leonard and all those other old fossil rockers who made us jump and squeal a quarter of a century ago.

They were the greatest thing we'd ever heard back in the 70's. Today they are certified, card-carrying geezers.

I should know. I'm a bonafide geezer myself. I remember, as a skinny college kid, with a wad of hair on my head, walking down Yonge Street in Toronto, and hearing an eerie, guitar-backed warble emanating from the open door of Sam the Record Man.

Was that...*singing?* Sounded like hill billy, but not quite like any hillbilly I'd ever heard. I hung a sharp left and went inside. "Whose the singer you're playing?" I asked the clerk.

"Some kid from Minnesota," the clerk told me. "Name's Dylan."

That's got to be 30 years ago--and if you happen to catch Dylan on tour these days, or in one of his infrequent TV appearances, you'll see all 30 years have left their boot-prints on his face.

But why pick on the kid from Hibbing? Rod Stewart is 51. Joni Mitchell is 53. Neil Diamond is 55.

Mick Jagger is older than the President of the United States.

Nothing wrong with that, of course. Age is inevitable--and infinitely preferable to the alternative.

What I can't understand is why these geezers are still pulling in crowds.

And they are. Last year, middle-aged rocker Bob Seger raked in $26 million US. Rod Stewart made $29 million and Neil Diamond-- Neil Diamond, who put us all to sleep 30 years ago crooning narcotic anthems like *Cracklin' Rosie* and *Cherry, Cherry*; Neil Diamond, who is just five years away from collecting his old age pension...

Neil Diamond pulled in $32 million in 1996.

It doesn't say a whole lot for today's singers and songwriters that audiences are prepared to shell out multi-millions for the privilege of listening to a bunch of geriatrics mumble and prance through songs that were hits a generation ago, but there you are. Chess players are considered to be antiques at 30. Hockey players are lucky if they play until they are 35. Most basketball players are on the downhill skid by the time they hit they're late 20's. But rock and roll stars?

Geezer Rockers never die, they just keep raking in the dough.

The ones that are still around, that is. Jerry Garcia of the Grateful Dead quit touring permanently in 1995. Brian Jones, the Rolling Stones original drummer, is out of the picture.

And John Lennon. And Elvis, who would be 62 years old if he was still around. He's not, but there are dozens and dozens of original musical dinosaurs still going strong.

What will happen to these fossils when they finally hang up their guitars and their leotards?

Perhaps they'll move to Dallas, Texas. Dallas is a good town for Eternal Rock and Rollers. They could listen to radio Station KTCY-FM--also known as "Fab 105".

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I don't know about you, but I find that somehow depressing.

I think I'll make myself a cup of cocoa and have a little nap.

Designation is not 'good news' for Trent-Severn waterway

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says "the designation will bring no new rules or regulations." The designation won't, but the management plan will. That's what management plans are for.

Who believes more tourists will come to the Trent Severn system because of a Heritage designation? This same ploy has been used elsewhere and increased tourism has never materialized. Then they tell us we need to "protect" the waterway. Is that not what Canadians have been doing for more than 100 years? It is implied that government regulation will "protect" the environment. A word to the wise — beware all the government control and regulation descending upon us in the name of "protecting" the environment.

Further, Mr. Lewis has stated publicly on more than one occasion that the designation will bring "international recognition". What exactly does this mean? Mr. Lewis should define the specifics of "international recognition" if he is to allay concerns that the UN Convention for World Heritage, which was signed by Canada in 1973, could be brought into play once the management plan is completed.

Using experience in the United States, Australia, New Zealand and western Canada, the same warm fuzzy language is dredged up to allay public concerns, language with which the average, good-hearted citizen can find little argument. But under that banner of heritage and environmental protection, we will still own our land, pay the taxes on it, but will have forfeited the use of our land and our stewardship responsibilities.

Mr. Richards suggest environmental groups, each with their own agenda, will be invited to participate in the creation of the management plan. Once again we will see the anti-democratic principle employed of using self-anointed, unaccountable and unelected groups. The public should understand that this process is designed to secure government desired outcomes — not those of the communities that will be affected. Every Ontarian who lives in the Trent-Severn watershed will eventually pay the price.

Douglas Hindson,
Bobcaygeon.

Unanswered question

Editor:

On Monday, February 3, the Minister of Education, Mr. Snobelen, was asked the following question by the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation: "What will your government fund as necessary classroom expenditures and how much will you guarantee to invest in Ontario's classrooms?

We are concerned about this issue because, although the Conservatives promised during the election campaign that education cuts would not affect the classroom, Mr. Snobelen repeatedly refers to another billion dollars that can be cut from education. He also indicated that he does not consider such factors as librarians and library materials, heat, electricity, guidance counsellors, custodians, principals and vice principals, secretaries, teacher preparation time and other professional support services to be a part of, and necessary for, effective classrooms.

If these factors are not included in our "direct classroom expenses" and the funding is handled according to this new definition, the classroom of the future will not be delivering the same quality of education.

We would like some assurances from the government that all these necessary classroom expenses will be funded in the future at the same level that they currently are or higher.

Thus far, Mr. Snobelen has not replied to our question. We urge concerned citizens to raise this issue with the government.

Trudy Hawthorne,
Vice President.
Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation,
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Sports

Midget playoffs

The Minden midget Monarchs will play host to Bobcaygeon for games two and three of their best-of-five playoff series Friday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 6 p.m. at the Minden arena

Redmen split last two regular season games

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Redmen hockey team played the last two games of the regular season last week, losing one and winning one.

The Redmen bowed to the visiting Crestwood Mustangs February 5 after giving up a 3-1 first-period lead.

The Mustangs scored the only goal of the second period and won the game with three unanswered markers in the third.

Jeff Wray put the Redmen on the scoreboard first, at the 2:57 mark of the opening frame. Mark Hughes and Ryan Anderson assisted.

Crestwood tied the game with 6:06 remaining in the period. But Haliburton rebounded with two more a minute and 21 seconds apart. Andrew McKelvey notched an unassisted goal at the 10:49 mark of the 15-minute period and Nick Kulas made it 3-1 at 12:10.

The Kulas goal would be Haliburton's last of the game.

Redmen 3, Norwood 1

For the second game in a row, the Redmen got off to a good start when they tangled with the Knights in Norwood on February 6. They held a 2-1 lead at the end of the first period and added one more in the second. Unlike the day before in Haliburton, the Redmen didn't allow the opposition to close the gap in the third, holding on for the 3-1 win.

Dennis Woods got the Redmen on the scoreboard first, from Anderson and McKelvey before the game was four minutes old. Wray made it 2-0 at the 5:13 mark. Anderson and Woods set him up.

A minute and a half later, the Knights closed the gap to 2-1 and that's how the first period ended.

Anderson got his third point of the game, scoring Haliburton's third goal at the 3:44 mark of the middle period. Matt Galbraith and Wray assisted.

Ashley Walker guarded the Haliburton net well, allowing just one goal.

OLYMPIC COACHES: Organizers of the 1997 Meet to Skate competition in Minden were surprised and delighted to welcome Olympic level coaches to the event February 1 and 2. Marina Zoueva, second from the left, has choreographed skating routines for the famous Olympic skating team of Ekatarina Gordeeva and the late Sergei Grinkov. Marina was attending the Minden competition with her husband Alexi Tchetverdokhine and their son Fedor Andreev, who competed in the event. Fedor, who has competed in international competitions, won double gold in the junior men's long and short program. Lisa Foster, left, chair of the weekend competition and co-chair Lesley Lumley, right, welcomed the family to the community.

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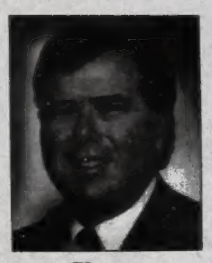

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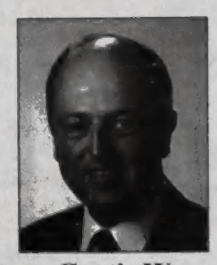

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Tyke A Monarchs defeat Wilberforce, Fenelon Falls

by Linda Fry

The Minden Monarch tykes headed to Wilberforce on Saturday, January 25, to play their rivals, the Rockets. Minden and Wilberforce are evenly matched this year and the teams look forward to opportunities to play each other.

Minden came out strong in the first period. Brady Hicks scored a breakaway goal in the first minute of the game. Matt Eno scored two in 20 seconds, assisted by Derek Carpenter and John Murray. In the last minute of the first, Sherri Walker scored 2 breakaway goals in a 10 second span to put Minden up 5-0.

Wilberforce came back with a goal in the first minute of the second period. Matt Eno responded with his third of the game. Sherri Walker notched two more, with Colin Callaghan and Billy Kulas assisting.

Jordan Joanu scored Minden's ninth goal putting the Monarchs up 9-1 at the end of the second period.

Wilberforce was a different team in the third frame. Matt Clements and Kyle Fry had to play a strong defensive period. Goalie Mike Lennox, who hasn't had many shots on net over the last few games, had to show his best stuff as Wilberforce poured it on. Travis McKay scored a hat trick for the Wilberforce tykes to make the final score 9-3 in favour Minden.

Minden 9, Fenelon 0

The Fenelon Falls tykes squared off against the Minden Monarchs for the first time on Sunday January 26. Fenelon turned out to be a fast team that brought out the best in the Minden players.

Matt Clements moved the puck up to Brady Hicks, who beat the Fenelon goalie to score the first Minden goal, early in the first period. Sherri Walker nailed the second, with assists from Kyle Fry and Billy Kulas.

Early in the second period, Derek Carpenter fed the puck to Jordan Joanu who scored for Minden on a breakaway. Fenelon Falls tried hard to come back, forcing Michael Lennox to make some great saves in net for Minden.

Sherri Walker, in a gorgeous heads up play, scored on a rebound of Jordan Joanu's shot, making it 4-0 for Minden.

Colin Callaghan fired at the net from the point. and Brady Hicks poked at it until it went in, putting Minden up 5-0 at the end of the second.

In the third, Sherri Walker netted two more unassisted goals. Matt Eno fired in a raised backhand, surprising Fenelon's goalie and putting Minden ahead 8-0. With one second left on the clock, Jordan Joanu beat the Fenelon goalie once more to end the game at 9-0 for Minden Monarchs.

Mike Lennox picked up a well-earned shut-out.

Second round playoffs

Novices up 2-0 on Ops

by Jerry Grozelle

One more win and the Minden OMHA novice Monarchs will advance to the third round of playoffs. The Monarchs won game two of the best-of-five series against Ops Thursday evening in Minden, shading the opposition 2-1 in overtime.

Darrin Brown scored an unassisted goal for the Monarchs at the 2:25 mark of the first period to put Minden on the scoreboard first.

But the home team didn't get much of a chance to savour the lead. Two minutes and 20 seconds later, Ops marksman Andrew Harris scored the equalizer.

The score remained deadlocked at 1-1 throughout the second and third periods, forcing the game into overtime.

Just 39 seconds after the faceoff to start the fourth period, Andrew Bull put an end to the game, scoring the overtime tie-breaker. Brown assisted.

Minden 4, Ops 3

The opening game of the series was played at the Ops arena the day before (Wednesday, February 5). That game was also decided by a single goal, with Minden coming out on top by a 4-3 margin.

The Monarchs got off to a good start, taking a 3-1 lead in the first period. They made it 4-1 with the lone goal of the second frame and held on as Ops closed the gap to 4-3 with two unanswered markers in the third.

After giving up the first goal of the game to Ops sniper Matt Ham, the Monarchs scored three in a row. Darrin Brown was the marksman on all three of Minden's first-period goals, for the natural hat trick. Brown's first goal was scored 31 seconds after the Ops goal. David McGlade assisted. With 2:41 left in

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Hartwick, KDD continue to dominate

by Jerry Grozelle

Kountry Double D and Hartwick Construction added wins to their season total in Minden Men's Hockey Association play February 3.

Hartwick 13, Westside 7

The first game of last week's two-game schedule saw Hartwick Construction defeat Westside Jug City 13-7.

Hartwick led 5-3 at the end of the first frame and 8-5 after two on the way to victory.

Andrew Burk paced the hartwick attack with five goals and two assists. Burk's first three markers were a natural hat trick in the first period. Tom Bagshaw added three goals to the winning tally. Single markers were netted by Wyatt Nesbitt, Glenn Hall, Jim Crawford, Jarrett Campbell and Ivan Ingram. Ingram also picked up five assists. Nesbitt, Campbell and Crawford each had a pair of helpers and single assists went to Hall, Jason Stamp and Bern Berry.

Sheldon Stevenson led the Westside scoring with a hat trick. Jamie Dollo scored one goal and assisted on four more. Ben Manuge netted two goals. Jeff Black pitched in with a goal and two assists and Craig Phillips notched a pair of assists.

KDD 10, Home Hardware 2

Three minutes remained in the second period when Home Hardware scored its first goal against Kountry double D. By then, KDD had already scored six times.

KDD outscored Home 4-1 in the third to post a 10-2 victory.

Craig Crowe was the top sniper of the game, netting four goals and helping to set up one more. Scott hamilton contributed to the win with a pair of goals and four assists. Charlie Teljeur potted a pair of goals, while Greg Hurrle and Paul Walker added single markers. John Hewson and Tom Miscio had two assists apiece and single helpers went to Greg Carpenter and Bob VanDelst.

Joe Sullivan and Tom Haley netted one reply each for Home Hardware and Steve McCracken had one assist.

COVER UP: Home Hardware goalie Terry Crowe smothers the puck during a game against Kountry Double D. KDD won the Minden Men's Hockey Association game by a 10-2 score.

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The following are the results from the Minden Figure Skating Club's Meet To Skate competition held February 1 and 2 at the Minden Arena. (This list includes the top three finishers and **highlights local skaters**.)

•Proficiency ladies: **1. Terry-Lynn Lumley;** 2. Meg Carruth, Fenelon Falls; 3. G. Vanlangenhove, Thornton **5. Stephanie Foster.**

•Pre-preliminary A ladies-flight 1: Nicole Trach, Newmarket; 2. Amy Birk, Unionville; 3.Breanna Allen, Pickering.

•Pre-preliminary A ladies-flight 2: 1. Melissa Newton, Powasson; 2. Alyssa Young, Newmarket; 3. Lydia Shultz, Bradford. **8. Vanessa Davis.**

•Pre-preliminary A Ladies-flight 3: 1. Danni Wallis, Lindsay; 2. Tracey Latchford, Little Britain; 3. Laura Gilchrist, Peterborough. **4. Katlyn Hewson.**

•Pre-preliminary A ladies-flight 4: 1.Shauna Jones, Bobcaygeon; 2. Lindsay Kingdon, Peterborough; 3. Amy Collett, Lakefield; **4. Cindy Malloy.**

•Pre-preliminary A ladies-flight 5: 1. Marlena Giannini, Burks Falls; 2. Kendra Schell, Gravenhurst, Amanda Rosborough, Warsaw; **4. Nicole Perreault.**

•Pre-preliminary A men: 1. Adam Lewandowski, Minto; 2. Jeremy Daniels, Blue Mountain; 3. Colin Brown, Unionville; **4. Jason Lydiatt**

•Pre-preliminary B Ladies: 1. Trista Walker, Georgina; 2. Jennie Hamilton, Newmarket; 3. Mandi Parkes, Pickering; **6. Kourtney Matysek; 7. Jenna Pilon.**

•Pre-preliminary C Ladies: 1. Jenna Ramsay, Georgina; 2. Stafany Malanka, Minto.

•Preliminary A Ladies-flight 1: 1. Stephanie Barton, Uxbridge; Lisa Gilroy, Pickering; Trisha Finlay, Baltimore.

•Preliminary A Ladies-flight 2: 1. Jamie Wasson, Peterborough; 2. Amanda Smith, Manvers; Carolynn Collins, Emily-Omemee.

•Preliminary B Ladies-flight 1: 1. Taylor MacIntosh, South River; Courtney Allen, Pickering; 3. Dawn Finley, Fenelon Falls.

•Preliminary B Ladies-flight 2: 1. Kate Bell, Ops; 2. Kendall Tyler, Pickering; 3. Katie Macleod, Thornton.

•Preliminary B Ladies-flight 3: **1. Keegan Mackenzie;** 2. Brittney Parlett, Bracebridge; 3. Heather Russell, South River.

•Preliminary B Men: 1. Tavis Apramian, South River; Eric Wilson, Ops; 3. Adam Arscott, Fenelon Falls.

•Preliminary C Ladies-flight 1: 1. Lindsey Barrs, South River; 2. Amy Kerr, Lindsay; 3. Kayla O'Connor, Bracebridge.

•Preliminary C Ladies-flight 2: Joanna Zygmunt, Ajax; 2. Emily Gaudet, Pickering; 3. Kara Stopper, South River.

•Junior Bronze A ladies: **1. Tanya Peacock;** 2. Jessica Blazejewski, Barrie; 3. Allison Faulkner, Richmond Hill.

•Junior bronze B ladies-flight 1: 1. Kate McKinlay, Emily-Omemee; **2. Lindsay Harpley;** 3. Kristal Dawe, Orillia.

•Junior bronze B ladies-flight 1: 1. Melissa Noseworthy, Georgina; 2. Heather vanderWijst, Burks Falls; 3. Teri Alexander, Pickering.

•Junior bronze C ladies: 1. Chantele Owen, Georgina; 2. Andrea Smith, Aurora; 3. Kristie Hammill, Ops; **4. Krista Matysek.**

•Senior bronze ladies-flight 1: 1. Victoria, Welland; 2. Erin Hayes, Ennismore; 3. Melissa Ayotte, South River.

•Junior bronze ladies-flight 2: 1. Deanna Hockaday, Ennismore; 2. Sonia Paull, Ops; 3. Amy Phillips, Peterborough.

•Junior Silver ladies: 1. Shannon Hicks, Bowmanville; 2. Amy Fletcher, Lindsay; 3. Tera Hellam, Port Hope.

•Open Ladies: 1. Jennifer Swann, Peterborough; 2. Kristan Harris, Georgina; 3. Janice Armstrong, Warsaw.

•Juvenile ladies-flight 1: 1. Michelle Tierney, Georgina; 2. Alexandra Richardson; 3. Sharah-Lyn Dickson, Ops; **10. Jasmine Wilson.**

•Juvenile ladies-flight 2: 1. Cindy Cashman, Minto; 2. Kendra Hayes, Ennismore; 3. Brigette Vandertas, Gravenhurst; **7. Cheryl Ripley.**

•Juvenile men: 1. Matt Mason-

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•Pre-novice ladies short-flight 1: 1. Michelle Hastie, Minto; 2. Amanda Gilroy, Pickering; 3. Shannon Dickson, Ops.

•Pre-novice ladies short-flight 2: 1. Lesley Houston, Minto; 2. Lori Barber, Georgina; 3. Leanne Stewart, Bracebridge. **6. Kerri Matysek.**

•Pre-novice ladies long-flight 1: 1. Shannon Dickson, Ops; 2. Laura Burgess, North Bay; 3. Kimberly Stetler, Bancroft; **6. Kerri Matysek.**

•Pre-novice ladies long-flight 2: 1. Amanda Gilrot, Pickering; 2. Lori Barber, Georgina; 3. Leanne Stewart, Bracebridge; **8. Laurie Turner.**

•Novice ladies short: 1. Stephanie Brouillete, Loretteville; 2. Kim Gauthier, North Bay; 3. Meredith Warner, North Bay; **8. Erin Turner.**

•Novice ladies long: 1. Stephanie Brouillete, Loretteville; 2. Nancy Chamberlain, North Bay; 3. Annick Blais, Tisdale; **7. Erin Turner.**

•Junior ladies short: 1. Karrie Mathias, Huntsville; **2. Janene Garbutt.**

•Junior ladies long: **1. Janene Garbutt;** 2. Karrie Mathias, Huntsville.

•Junior men short: 1. Fedor Andreev, Minto; 2. Tim White, Oshawa; 3. Ryan Milne, North Bay.

•Junior men long: 1. Fedor Andreev, Minto; 2. Tim White, Oshawa; 3. Ryan Milne, North Bay.

•Pre-bronze artistic ladies-flight 1: Lydia Schultz, Bradford; 2. Sarah Faulkner, Richmond Hill; 3. Shannon Crossman, Pickering.

•Pre-bronze artistic ladies-flight 2: 1. Teri Alexander, Pickering; 2. Melissa Schlauch, Peterborough; 3. Kara Stopper, South River; **8. Jennifer Orpana.**

•Bronze artistic ladies: 1. Brigette Vandertas, Gravenhurst; 2. Amy Phillips, Peterborough; 3. Melissa Etcher, Port Hope.

•Silver artistic ladies: 1. Laura Skene, Richmond Hill; 2. Tiffany Marshall, Orillia.

•Juvenile pairs: 1. Lesley Houston and Bill Woodhouse, Minto; Taylor MacIntosh and Ryan Arnold, South River.

•Pre-Juvenile dance: 1. Jacqueline Thompson and Ted Gerry, Ops; 2. Janna Hendrickson and Colin Brown, Unionville.

•Juvenile A dance: 1. Jessica Soul and Kevin Dawe, Orillia; 2. Siobhan Karam and Joshua McGrath, Minto; 3. Stefany Malanka and Bennett Henderson, Minto.

•Juvenile B dance: 1. Siobhan Karam and Joshua McGrath, Minto; 2. Jessica Soul and Kevin Dawe, Orillia.

•Preliminary A ladies elements-flight 1: 1. Nicole Trach, Newmarket; 2. Amy Birk, Unionville; 3. Brittany Cairns, Gravenhurst.

•Preliminary A ladies elements-flight 2: 1. Melissa Newton, Powassan; 2. Amanda Parlett, Bracebridge; **3. Terri-Lynn Lumley.**

•Preliminary A Ladies Elements-flight 3: 1. Trisha Finlay, Baltimore; Thalia Bilton, Pickering; 3. Catherine Rankin, Ennismore; **7. Katlyn Hewson.**

•Preliminary A Ladies Elements-flight 4: 1. Katie MacLeod, Thornton; 2. Shelley Ferguson, Ennismore; 3. Kendra Schell, Gravenhurst.

•Preliminary B ladies elements-flight 1: 1. Rebecca Corbett, Georgina, 2. Lindsey Barrs, South River; 3. Taylor MacIntosh, South River.

•Preliminary B ladies elements-flight 2: 1. Kara Stopper, South River; 2. Brittney Parlett, Bracebridge; 3. Erin Bailey, Lakefield; **4. Keegan Mackenzie.**

•Junior Bronze A ladies elements: 1. Jessica Blazejewski, Barrie; **2. Krista Matysek;** 3. Elisa Chimonides, Pickering; **6. Tanya Peacock.**

•Junior bronze B ladies elements: 1. Michelle Teirney, Georgina; Brigette Vandertas, Gravenhurst; 3. Ashley Langel, Welland; **9. Lindsay Harpley; 10. Jasmine Wilson.**

•Senior bronze A ladies elements: 1. Victoria Young, Welland; 2. Annalee Robbins, Bancroft; 3. Linda Joyner, Pickering.

•Senior bronze B ladies elements: 1. Annalee Robbins, Bancroft; **2. Kerri Matysek;** 3. Amy Phillips, Peterborough.

•Junior silver ladies elements: 1. Tera Hellam, Port Hope; 2. Courtnee Buchanan, Mariposa; 3. Tiffany Marshall, Orillia.

•Open ladies elements: **1. Janene Garbutt;** 2. Sophia Kolios, Bancroft; 3. Kimberley Stetler, Bancroft.

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We would like to express thanks to all of the skaters, parents and other volunteers who spent countless hours at the arena over the weekend to help make this event a great success. We would especially like to thank the arena staff (including the Zamboni operator with the tie) who were always there to help out and who maintain our facility as one that we can be proud of.

Nordic Notes

by Blake Paton

February is a great month for skiing, and the snow these past weeks has been excellent. For many, this month brings the most important races of the ski season, and there has been a wealth of competition lately involving local skiers.

For starters, The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School ski team brought home the hardware at Mooosewoods Trail Centre on Wednesday, February 5. The team was propelled by the Heyes Sisters, Kelly and Ainsley, both of whom won their age divisions. Eyewitnesses also were impressed by Ainsley's "face plant of exhaustion" across the finish line.

The entire team showed up for the race, as shown by the following top five results:

Midget Girls — Kerry Heyes, first; Katherine Hagerman, second; Laurie Turner, third; Reagan Brown, fourth.

Midget Boys — Daniel Morgan, second.

Junior Girls — Stephanie Ratz, third.

Junior Boys — Ryan O'Neil, fourth.

Senior Girls — Ainsley Heyes, first.

Senior Boys — Matt Heffer, fifth.

February is a great time to attend a loppet (a mass start race), and several Haliburton Ski Club members attended the Algonquin Loppet in Whitney on the first and second of the month. Marcel Crete won his age division in the 26 km freestyle event. But the focus of the loppet is less the result than the participation in the event.

If you're thinking of trying a race, then circle the following dates:

February 15 and March 2. The February loppet is at Silent Lake Provincial Park, and the March event is at Moosewoods Trail Centre. Contact either host for complete details and remember that very few people regret the decision to participate in these friendly events. Simply set a persoanl target and try to meet it: that is the essence of friendly competition.

The mid-week touring group slid over to Camp Wanakita on Tuesday, February 4, with nine skiers in attendance. This serves as a reminder to club members that your pass is valid on Wanakita trails, so don't miss out on this trail system as you ski this winter.

Whatever you do, please, please, please get your quota of skiing in by the end of the month. The groundhog forecast a short winter, and one never knows what March may bring. There is nothing sadder than the skier who meant to get out more in February watching March rainstorms melt the snow. In the meantime, glide through life and pretend that winter will never end.

Midgets start 2nd round

After having a bye in the first round of playoffs, the Minden OMHA midget Monarchs hockey team has started a best-of-five series with Bobcaygeon. The opening game was in Bobcaygeon yesterday (Sunday, February 9).

The next two games of the series will be in Minden. The second game will be Friday, February 11 at 8 p.m. and game three will be Sunday, February 16 at 6 p.m.

Game 3 tonight at Ops

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the opening frame, Brown scored his second goal, from Andrew Bull and Gavin Hicks. A minute and a half later, Brown notched his third of the game, from Bull and Adam Googh.

Bull netted he fourth Minden goal at he 1:01 mark of the second period. Brown set that one up.

Andrew Harris scored two consecutive goals for Ops late in the third period, the last with 1:44 remaining, but the home team was unable to get the tying goal as Minden held on for the 4-3 win.

Game three of the series is scheduled for tonight (Monday, February 10) in Ops and if a fourth game is necessary, it will be in Minden Tuesday, February 11, starting at 7:30 p.m.

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February 12: Regular meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Genealogical Group, at the Minden Public Library. Subject: using computers to trace your family tree. 7 p.m.

February 14 and 15: Seventh annual Dorset Snowball Winter Carnival. A host of activities including a giant bonfire, broomball, pancake breakfast, parade, craft show, hot air balloon rides, craft show and much more. Call for more information 705-766-9968.

February 14, 15 & 16: Norland Winter Carnival: church supper, costume skating Friday evening; Pancake breakfast, Big Bucks Euchre and dance on Saturday; Games, sleigh rides, skating and broomball on Sunday. Siberian Husky sled dog races both days. Call 454-3418 for more information.

until February 15: Paintings of Andre Lapine from the permanent collection of the Agnes Jamieson Gallery, Bobcaygeon Road, north, Minden. Tuesday to Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

February 15: The Loop Winter Carnival cross country ski loppet at Silent Lake Provincial Park near Cardiff. Entry fee. Registration forms are available at Glen Sharpley Sports, the All Star Cafe, Wilberforce and Silent Lake Provincial Park office. Call for details 448-3066.

February 15: Ski For Heart, a fund raisier for the local chapter of the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Downhill skiing at Sir Sam's 9 a.m.- 3 p.m., ($35 in cash pledges gets you a day lift pass and lunch); X-Country at Glebe Park, Haliburton 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. ($10 in cash pledges gets day pass and hot chocolate). Pledge sheets available through the schools, Hagerman Insurance office Haliburton or The Times office, Minden.

February 15: Annual ice fishing derby sponsored by the Stanhope-Carnarvon Police Association, on Halls Lake. Prizes, raffle, food. Tickets avail. at Minden Live Bait and Tackle or Halls Lake Market. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

February 16: Coboconk and District Lions Club annual Sleigh Ride at Balsam Lake Provincial Park, Highway 48, west of Coboconk. Free hot dogs and hot chocolate. Please bring a non-perishable food item for the Coby food bank. 1 p.m.

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Big Brothers/ Sisters take to the lanes

It's that time of year again to don those old bowling shoes and hit the lanes for Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Victoria-Haliburton's annual fund-raising campaign.

"There have been major changes made to this year's bowling event which we hope will provide more fun for the bowlers and more money raised for our agency", says Bowling Committee chairperson Ron Neale.

Formerly known as Bowl for Millions the event is now being hosted under the name Bowl For Kids Sake. A special event bowl will be held at County Bowling Centre in Minden on March 9 starting at 1 p.m. Chris Hodgson, MPP will be in attendance, along with representatives of Big Brothers and Big Sisters. Teams of five to six players will have one and a half hours of free bowling and lots of fun in exchange for collecting pledges on behalf of Big Brothers and Big Sisters.

Introduced this year, in addition to the regular spot prizes, is the opportunity for bowlers to earn incentive gifts. If a bowler brings in $ 100 in pledges they will receive a Bowl For Kids Sake T-shirt, $150 in pledges gets the bowler the T-shirt plus an opportunity to win a limited edition print, at the $200 level, the bowler will also receive a Bowl For Kids Sake sweatshirt, and at $300 and a gift certificate worth $50 for dinner for two. The lucky bowler who raises the highest amount in pledges will receive a weekend for two, compliments of Wigamog Inn Resort in Haliburton, valued at $500.

Also new to this year's campaign is the involvement by league bowlers. Each league bowler who agrees to raise pledges on behalf of the agency will receive a Bowl For Kids Sake bowling towel and a chance to be involved in earning the incentive prizes.

In addition to the events being held in Minden, Bowl For Kids Sake will also take place in Lindsay, Bobcaygeon and Fenelon Falls.

Big Brothers and Big Sisters matches boys and girls between the ages of six and 16 years with caring adult volunteers. Studies have proven that matched Little Brothers and Sisters have improved grades and stay in school (80% graduate from high school); are half as likely to use drugs, get along better at home and with peers; and, are less likely to have involvement with the police. Currently, there are over 50 children waiting to be matched with either a Big Brother, Big Sister or Big Couple.

Since 1980, the agency has relied on Bowl For Kids Sake to help over 500 children.

"Our agency does not receive any government funding and solely depends upon the generosity of the community for support. We hope to reach our goal of $25,000 in this year's event," said Neale.

Those who want to participate in this year's event, either by bowling or making a donation, please contact either Scott Moore at 286-1476 or Carol Gorrill, Bowl For Kids Sake Co-ordinator at 705-324-6800.

Happy 40th

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Rawn Brown rolls 664 triple

Dan Rivard, president of the Thursday Evening Mixed League; Bob Harrington, treasurer of the Thursday Afternoon Seniors League; and Fred Cox, secretary of the Tuesday Evening Mixed League were recently bowling in London, Ontario. They were representing the County Bowling Centre Leagues in the Hiram Walker Special Old National League Executive Five Pin Championships Provincial Finals. Although none of them received prizes, they all bowled well and they said they enjoyed the experience.

Thursday Night Mixed League (January 30)

High average: Joan Rivard 168; Walt Stegmaier 207
High single: Joan Rivard 234; Walt Stegmaier 232
High single (handicap): Gina Teljeur 298; Brian Hamilton 302
High triple: Deb Cox 549; Walt Stegmaier 649
High triple (handicap): Deb Cox 711; Brian Hamilton 758

Legion 636 Mixed League (February 3)

High average: Georgina Parkes 162; Fred Knight 201
High single: Sheila Burke 192; Jim Hindle 226
High single (handicap): Ruth Bishop 254; Maurice Winterflood 283
High triple: Sheila Burke 539; Jim Hindle 598
High triple (handicap): Sheila Burke 722; Maurice Winterflood 708

Monday Evening Mixed League (February 3)

High average: Marlene Robinson 207; Scott Moore 225
High single: Teresa Clement 233; Eric Burk 238
High single (handicap): Teresa Clement 280; Ron Robinson 260
High triple: Michelle Moore 584; Eric Burk 653
High triple (handicap): Michelle Moore 707; Ron Robinson 726

Tuesday Afternoon Seniors (February 4)

High average: Eleanor Young 180; Walt Stegmaier 205
High single: Evelyn Trepanier 209; Bob Bullen 206
High single (handicap): Shirley Brandon 289; Gord Arthur 272
High triple: Evelyn Trepanier 513; Walt Stegmaier 580
High triple (handicap): Evelyn Trepanier 708; Gord Arthur 697

Tuesday Night Mixed League (February 4)

High average: Cathy Snell 202; Scott Moore 219
High single: Rawn Brown 229; Al Eskelin 262
High single (handicap): Rawn Brown 259; Al Eskelin 300
High triple: Rawn Brown 664; Al Eskelin 605
High triple (handicap): Rawn Brown 754; Al Eskelin 719

Thursday Afternoon Seniors (February 6)

High average: Edith Alzner 172; Ray Lymer 194
High single: Edith Alzner 272; Jerry Warren 256
High single (handicap): Edith Alzner 315; Ray Lymer 284
High triple: Edith Alzner 631; Ray Lymer 663
High triple (handicap): Edith Alzner 760; Ray Lymer 747

Youth Bowling Council (for the week ending February 1)

Peewee
High single: Vanessa Burk 112; Brad Brown 128
High double: Vanessa Burk 215; Brad Brown 222
Bantam
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High triple: Lesley Cox 326; Matt Moore 573
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High triple: Jennifer Moore 594; Dennis Cox 518

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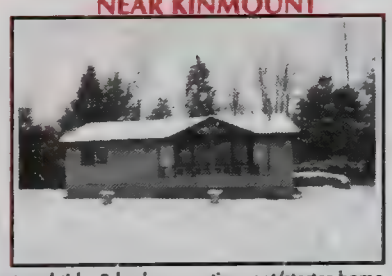
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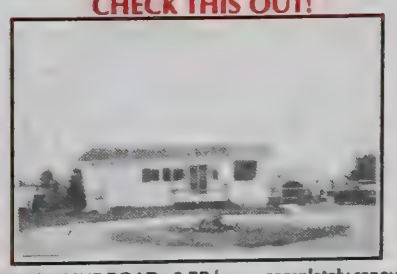
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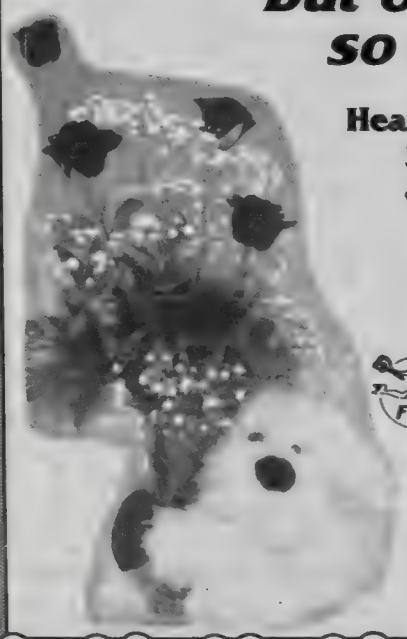

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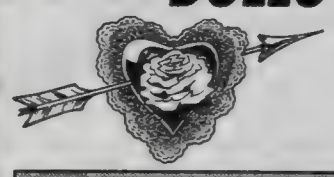

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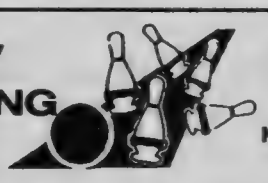

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The unknown factor

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trying to.

The job numbers do look a little better now. Indeed, late last week it looked like things were finally turning around. The province announced, with pride, that the economic picture is looking better than they had predicted. Consumer spending is racing ahead, and provincial tax revenues, even with the rate reduction, are up as a result.

The employment numbers, however, though improved, were something less than spectacular. Ontario *is* leading the country, at 80,000 net increase in jobs for 1996, which is good news. The bad news is the jobs are mostly low-wage, and part-time.

Ontarians might be forgiven for finding this a little confusing. Shouldn't general economic improvements be matched by job market improvements? Won't they, at least, in the near future?

They may not. The current apparent contradiction — a rally in consumer spending but limited employment growth — may well bear out something critics have been saying about neoliberal economic reforms all along — that though they do help out some sectors of the economy, by and large, they seem to divide wealth more than anything. The rich may get a little richer. They may even get much richer. Such improvements can look good on occasion in terms of overall economic indicators. But the improvements don't mean much to people on the bottom who still can't find a job with which they can provide for their family.

So what does all of this have to do with the downloading of social programs? Well, remember, the province is arguing it's handing municipalities a shrinking problem, on its way to going away. If the primary reason for the drop in numbers was an improving economy, they might have a case. If on the other hand, the drop is mainly due to the tighter eligibility requirements, the welfare numbers might just be levelling out now.

The number of people in Ontario on welfare actually increased — very slightly — in December for the first time in a long time. The government dismissed it as seasonal, and in fairness to them, December is usually a bad month. But Mitchell, seeing the first small increase in some time, thinks of it as a little unsettling.

Says Mitchell, "I'm not thrilled to see it. It could mean a number of things. It could mean that after the effects of the changes have sunk in, the decline is over. It could mean that a bunch of people who were disqualified as a result of the quit/fired rules... maybe there are a bunch of those people coming on. Who knows? We simply don't know."

Toupin has seen US studies that show what happens to people at low wage levels and on welfare after structural reforms such as those the Ontario government has done now, and the fact that many of the new jobs here are less than exactly promising, isn't entirely surprising to her. She says she's not sure what to expect in the coming years.

Says Toupin, "Now, at least at the federal level, they're saying that we've got the fundamentals in place. Interest rates are down. The deficit is down. All of the macroeconomic numbers look good. There's a sense now from some economists that it's just a matter of waiting, and that the jobs will come.

"But there was also a sense of unease among other economists — they're thinking that we might be into a new economy, and that those old assumptions just don't fit any more... Even getting those fundamentals right may not significantly affect the employment rate. I have a tendency to agree with the latter... Those may not be the fundamentals. Those are the fundamental in an economy that was fine 20 years ago. But with a global economy, an economy based on much more ready access to technology, I think that those numbers aren't really useful any more."

Locally?

What the downloading of social programs means for Haliburton County is, readers might be tired of hearing, hard to say at this point. Local sources are generally reluctant to speculate, particularly in the current period of flux. With so many unknown variables still out there in terms of the specifics of program implementation, and with the possibility still out there that the province may look at making some significant changes to the overall approach, it gets pretty complicated.

The big known cost is welfare, which is almost certain to cost another $5 million at least. How much more it may come to is one of the biggest unknowns, as are the possible costs of funding policing and ambulance services.

Social services coordinator Morris Honeyman seems to be running into the odd dynamics the supposed disentanglement exercise is introducing into the mix. He's got some questions.

"We've come to a very major conclusion," he says. "This is going to change a million times during 1997... They're talking about the disabled, who currently they pay for. We're now being told the allowance, drugs, and administration will be handled by the province, but we'll pay 50 per cent... My question is, if the cost of this is budgeted at $500,000 a year, and it ends up at

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The unknown factor

(from page 22)

the end it's $750,000 a year we have to pay them, do we go to the provincial pot — what we do with some programs now — to make that up? It seems a little ridiculous to draw $250,000 out of the provincial pot to give it to a provincial agency."

The potential for jurisdictions being left to their own devices, he says, is a valid concern for Haliburton. "I know there's $750,000 there," he says, "but is it a one shot deal? If we have another major recession — they say that in 2002 we're supposed to be right back into it again — will there be something we can all draw from? I don't know if this may be a ploy by the province to say we're serious about this, let's sit down and talk about it."

For the record, the county's general welfare program cost $3,465,513.04 last year, at 20 per cent funding. At 50 per cent, with the crudest of calculations, those numbers hop to the vicinity of $8.6 million. The family benefits program, however, another large program, is a total mystery, and may prove a significant expenditure. The county, as yet, has no numbers to work with. The province has always administered the program entirely itself, and says it does not have numbers broken down by jurisdiction.

Social housing is also one of the real wildcards at this point. The province has announced that the municipalities will now assume the entire cost of the projects. A number of local municipalities have social housing projects in place — including Monmouth, Dysart, and Anson, Hindon and Minden. Brief, informal preliminary discussions have begun locally to deal with whether costs might be taken over at the municipal or county level, but as far as anyone knows, no technical details of the province's intent have been released. Says Monmouth reeve Keith Tallman, "We've got the release, but that's all we've seen. We need to know what's going to happen with the mortgages... I've seen suggestions that this might not happen for three years or more, and I have to assume if this is supposed to happen in 1998, they'd be meeting with us already... We aren't meeting with them yet, and I don't know when we're going to."

Long term care, daycare

Possibly one of the more significant areas for Haliburton County residents may be the issue of long term care. While government sources might do their best to assure that welfare numbers are plunging, long-term care usage, as the baby boomers age, are expected to do anything but. And Haliburton County, the kind of area that population is expected to move towards, can expect to see higher numbers than average

Like other sectors, health care seems pretty snarled in terms of accountability at this stage. The planned long-term care advisory body has thrown a spanner in the works, and the local board's actual role, at this stage in the process, looks confused. Says health board director Foster Loucks, "I like to look at things positively, it could behoove us to work with the county to put together the package in such a way that we could have some kind of cooperative arrangement... I expect the county's position," he says, "is they won't want to be in the same position as they were with the board of education — collecting the taxes with no degree of control. We'd have to ask them what degree of control they'd want. And maybe it would be to their advantage, rather than developing their own department, to have us handle much of it for them."

There are two long-term care facilities in the county — Extendicare and Hyland Crest. The former is private, but the county will be taking on half the responsibility for individual patient subsidies. The latter is run by the county, and last year its total budget was around $2.7 million.

Finally, there is daycare. Next to long term care and general welfare programs, daycare and parent support services look like a minuscule program, at around $280,000 total per year. Much of the funding which previously came from the province, for both the daycares and the resource centres, would now also be shared 50/50 with municipalities. CHACE director Dianne Loucks allows that her staff — whose generally quite low salaries are currently subsidized by the province — are watching with some concern. But again, she's in a difficult position with respect to predictions.

Says Loucks, "We're looking at cuts... And realistically, in terms of a budget, the largest area you can make a change in is salaries. Unfortunately in child care, salaries are linked to the service, because we have all front line staff. It's not like we have a lot of administration background people that we can reduce."

The disentanglement may be a little clearer in the area of daycare, but as yet, it isn't worked out. The province is talking about forming 50 consolidated municipal service 'brokers', but no one knows who those will be yet. The province is also talking about municipalities taking over licensing and management functions, but Loucks isn't sure that locally, Haliburton County is too well situated to take that over. "They don't have daycare liaison," she says. "We're meeting with them soon though, and there may be ways we can collaborate."

Over all, she says, however, she's not too optimistic at this stage.

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All of which seems to reinforce AMO's view with respect to disentanglement. It seems very clear at this point that the province has not yet straightened things out much in the area of social programs. In some, it appears to have made things worse.

Why it did so is as yet anyone's guess, though the aforementioned difficulty of administering such programs at the local level has some of the more vocal critics suggesting the province did what it did, against the advice of its own commission, precisely because it is less than interested in protecting these programs.

Whether or not that's the case, this remains, in the words of Honeyman: "We need to talk with them about this. We really do."

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Mix-up results in delightful musical

In her original notes, Lucy Maud Montgomery wrote simply "elderly couple requests boy from orphan asylum but receives girl instead". And therein lies a tale! From this "clerical error" grew a series of books which centered around Cavendish, P.E.I., and more appropriately, Anne Shirley, the subject of that "clerical error."

Late last year, the Highlands Little Theatre was approached by the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School with a unique proposal: a co-production between the two groups for the mutual benefit of each. Highlands Little Theatre would be able to mount a musical production at the high school using students, staff and facilities and at the same time, the school would be able to draw upon the skills, abilities and expertise of the theatre group for the benefit of the students and provide exposure to possible career opportunities in the future.

As a result, the Drama Club of the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School and the Highlands Little Theatre will jointly present the musical *Anne of Green Gables* as adapted by Don Harron with music by Douglas Campbell. The Highlands presentation is being produced by Wayne Cooper, directed by Millie Payne with musical direction by Melissa Stephens.

Feature performers include, Shirleen Dehaan as Anne, Bryn Gray as Gilbert, John Miller as Matthew and Lindsey Coates as Marilla.

All seats are reserved: tickets are available from The Storeroom in Minden and Paulette's in Haliburton, at a cost of $10, beginning February 19. Evening performances begin at 7:30 p.m. on April 11, 12, 18 and 19 with a matinee scheduled for Sunday, April 13 at 2 p.m. All performances will be held at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

Generous financial support has been given by the following businesses who have sponsored individual performances as indicated:

April 11 - Re/Max Realty Haliburton Highlands.
April 12 - Village Court Pharmacy.
April 13 - Easton's Valu-mart
April 18 - Curry Motors.
April 19 - TV Times.

Shirleen Dehaan, left, who plays Anne Shirley and Katie Campbell, as her friend Diana Barry, have been rehearsing for their roles in the musical Anne of Green Gables, twice a week since the beginning of the year. Students from the HHSS Drama Club and members of the Highlands Little Theatre are combining their talents to stage the musical.

Palliative care volunteers needed at Hyland Crest

Those who have ever sat through the dying days with a loved one, know how exhausting, both physically and mentally, this can be, but how important their presence is to the terminally ill patient.

That is why, just over a year and a half ago, the Palliative Care Unit was set up at Hyland Crest. The unit was established with 25 volunteers with the aim of having someone with the terminally ill patients at all times, so that they need never feel alone. No nursing was involved--that service is provided by the Hyland Crest staff. The volunteers were there for the small caring word or action, the holding of a hand, the fluffing of a pillow, the reading of a letter or card - small, but very significant needs of someone who is not long for this world.

The families, of course, are often there giving their support, but some of our patients come from distant areas and it is difficult for the family members to be available all the time. And, of course, some patients have no family to be with them. Even those families who are able to be with their dying member, greatly appreciate the break that a caring stand-in can give.

Those original 25 volunteers have done a wonderful job as attested to by the heartfelt thanks of many of the relatives. However, for various reasons, not least the fact that several of our volunteers go south for the winter, our team is now down to the critical number of ten. The group desperately needs your support.

Normally, when there is a patient requiring palliative care, the volunteers work four-6 hour shifts. Any assistance you could give would be sincerely appreciated. It might be a task that some find they cannot handle comfortably and that will be understood, but there will be other opportunities to be of assistance. Those volunteers who are in the program are very enthusiastic about their work with these special needs patients and would be extremely disappointed to see the program fold for lack of help.

If you could offer help and support, please contact Linda Fry or Melinda O'Mara at 286-2140 for more information. Orientation classes are conducted for new members but it is your own outgoing, caring concern that is the main factor. We live in an aging community. Think about that and how this need might affect any of us in the future. We need a commitment to maintain such a support system and we appeal to you for your help.

(This information was prepared by a member of the Palliative Care Unit at Hyland Crest.)

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Junior curlers get grant from Shell Canada

The Minden Junior Curling Club is pleased to announce that it recently received a $1,000 grant from the Shell Canada Community Service Fund.

"The funds have been awarded to recognize and support Greg Carpenter a Shell Canada retailer. Greg is a regular volunteer with the Minden Junior Curlers to aid kids in their curling skills on the ice surface. The funds will be used to help purchase grippers, sliders and brooms" said Junior co-ordinator, Zelda Cooper.

"Shell believes that contributions of time, effort and caring to non-profit organizations benefit the entire community. Through the Community Service Fund, we recognize and support Shell people who give personal time to non-profit organizations on a regular, volunteer basis, " says Elvia Picco, Shell Community Affairs co-ordinator. "We have supported Shell volunteers through the Community Service Fund for almost 20 years. In 1996, Shell Canada granted more than $240, 000 to 225 non-profit organizations across Canada."

Junior Curling is growing in the community and is in its third year with approximately 51 interested members. This is an increase from our first year of 22 curlers, some who now curl in the regular club leagues. This donation will certainly help purchase equipment toassist junior curlers between the ages of 9 and 19. Information about the Community Service Fund and Shell's other Community Investment Programs is available by calling 1-800-338-1410.

Fashion show fund-raiser

The Kinmount and Area Medical Services Committee is holding a dessert tea and fashion show and sale. The gathering is scheduled for Saturday, February, 15 at 2 p.m. at Galway Hall on Galway Road, off Hwy. 121, (second concession north of 121/649 Junction, south of Kinmount).

Admission $5, children under 12, $1.

The exhibitors will have something for just.about everyone.

Galway Hall has been donated by Galway Township for this important fund raiser. The Kinmount Legion Ladies Auxiliary, Branch 441 will be supplying and serving tantalizing desserts.

This show is being held to generate public awareness and help fund the building project. The Medical Services Clinic is to be located on the lower level of the Somerville Township office and is designed to provide space for two doctors, staff and visiting specialists. The clinic will have wheel chair access and good parking facilities. The building fund goal is $45,000.

The week on ice

by Sandy Cole

(League Play - January 27 to 31)

Monday Night Ladies League

Nancy Garbutt 9, Barb Walford-Davis 5
Mary-Jane Irwin 8, Dana Kinsman 5
Pat Woodcroft 11, Cheryl Murdoch 3

Tuesday Night Mens League

Gord Wood 10, Ross Petch 3
Bob Pollard 10, Bill Roodenburg ?
Don Blakey 9, Dwight Thomas 2
Jim Garbutt 8, Ross Wray 5
Russ Duhaime 9, Paul Prentice 8

Thursday Night Mixed League

Ted Wilkes 8, Gord Wood 7
Brian Cross 11, Alf Trotter 10
Bob Pollard 9, Keith Fountain 7
Dan Garbutt 6, Cheryl Murdoch 4

Friday Night Mixed League

Jim Garbutt 8, Zelda Cooper 7
Cheryl Murdoch 9, Paul Prentice 7
Bill Roodenburg 7, Barb Walford-Davis 5
Don Blakey 6, Mark Lund 5

Events

Saturday, February 1 was the "BusinessPersons" bonspiel. This event was a great success with a fun day of curling followed by a wonderful potluck dinner and prizes for everyone. Congratulations to the "Fountain of Youth" team who won the "Minden Times Trophy". Much thanks goes out to all sponsors, players and organizers. Without all of you, this event would not have been the success it was. I hope all the new curlers had a good time and will join us next year at the Minden Curling Club. Come up and watch some great curling on February 21, 22 & 23 at the "Rock Buster" men's bonspiel. There should be some hot teams for spectators to cheer on. See you at the club!

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Ridgewood's top talkers advance to Legion competition

Prepared by grade six students: Jayme Crittenden, Amy Graham and Amanda Payne

Six students from Ridgewood Public School will be advancing to a Legion Public Speaking Contest at the Coboconk Legion February 11. The six were chosen following a competition February 4 at the school.

The top three finishers in the junior division who qualified are: first, Ryan Ruttan; second, Lydia Fogwell; and third Amy Graham. Lisa Handley is the alternate. The finalists were chosen from among ten speakers.

Placing first in the intermediate section was Jasmin Fogwell, while Keegan Chiasson was second and Mark Janke third. Laura Ruttan was the alternate. Nine students competed for the honours.

All of the speeches drew an appreciative round of applause from the audience during the final competition at the school. The competitors spoke about such varied topics as werewolves, freckles and composers.

The students speak again Tuesday evening, February 11, at the Coboconk Legion starting at 7 p.m.

Advancing to the Legion competition are Ridgewood Public School speakers, from the left, front row, Lisa Handley, Lydia Fogwell, Ryan Ruttan and Amy Graham; back row, Mark Janke, Keegan Chiasson and Jasmine Fogwell. Absent is Laura Ruttan.

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THE PROPOSED BY-LAW will come before the said Council for consideration at its Regular Meeting at the Municipal Office, located three miles south of Minden on Highway #35, on the 27th day of February, 1997, at the hour of 7:00 p.m. and at that time, the Council will hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent any person who claims that his or her land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard.

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The review period will terminate on March 29, 1997 after which time the Ministry may start construction.

COMMENTS

We are interested in having any comments or concern you may have about this project. Please direct them by March 29, 1997 to:

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Residents keeping in touch with their grade 5 pen pals

Senior League

We are pleased to welcome another member to our committee, Muriel Harrison, who will bring us the news from Lilac Lounge on the ground floor. For those of us who moved from the main floor to Lilac Lounge, we are finally adjusting to our new surroundings.

For the past few years, children in Bonnie Berry's Grade 5 class at Archie Stouffer Elementary School have participated in a pen pal programme with our residents. Once a month their letters come to us and, with the help of Holly McCarthy and her helper, reply letters are written. This is a very enjoyable project and we look forward to hearing from our young friends.

On January 31, a few of us got together and feasted on Chinese food and learned a little about the Chinese New Year and their Zodiac. On February 1, we enjoyed listening to piano renditions by John Menzies. Also on February 1, Muriel Harrison and Nina Prentice enjoyed a visit from their nephew, Ron Russell of Baltimore, Maryland. Muriel's son Tom Harrison of Toronto also joined in.

We were sorry to hear of the fire that Donna and Malcolm Wallace suffered recently. Donna was a volunteer at our home. Our thoughts are with you.

On February 5 we spent a pleasant evening viewing the movie "Oklahoma". What lovely music! And on February 6, we ate our way through a delicious tea party compliments of Barb's Friendship Group. We have two special occasions to look forward to. Pancake Lunch and a Mardi Gras Parade on February 11 and, of course, our Valentine's Dinner with our families on the 14th.

We were pleased to hear that Jo McCann's wife is recovering nicely from her surgery.

According to Wiarton Willy, we can expect an early spring. All we can say to that is, "Hurry Up". We are sure some of you are already ordering flower and vegetable seeds for your gardens this year. If you enjoy gardening and can spare an hour or two a week, we will need volunteers to help us with our gardening this year.

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January weather

by Phil Graham

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Average for the month	-10.7	12.7
Average for Jan. 1996	-10.5	13.1
Highest temp. (Jan. 5)	7.5	45.5
Lowest temp. (Jan. 18)	-35.5	-32.8
Rainfall	61.4 mm	2.4 in
Snowfall	98.0 cm	20.8 in
Total precipitation	159.4 mm	6.2 in
Total precip. for Jan. 1996	106.2 mm	4.1 in
Snow on the ground Jan. 31	48 cm	18.8 in
Snow on the ground Jan. 31/96	38 cm	14.9 in
Snowfall Nov. 1-Jan. 31	160 cm	63. in
Days with rain or snow	19	
Days mostly sunny	6	
Days with freezing rain	4	

During the month of January, almost everybody hoped for snow. We got it... plenty of it... also rain, freezing rain, very cold periods and two January thaws. Most of the weather came from the southwest. I guess this is just revenge from our neighbours to the south for all the wintery blasts sent their way from Canada. With all this, the average temperature for the month was only two-tenths of a degree warmer than last January. The precipitation in January was much higher than last year. The rainfall was about the same, but the snowfall was double. Speaking of snow, the snow depth is enough to cause some concern for cottage roofs. This might be a good time to check the conditions at your cottage. We were certainly lucky with the weather for the Sled Dog Derby with ideal, clear and cold, conditions. The Saturday of race weekend was the coldest of the month with the thermometer dipping to -35.5 degrees Celsius (32.8 below zero in Fahrenheit. Only three months to go.....

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Of the 50+ local area Training Providers registered on the database, the following have already entered course information: *A.E.C. Computers, Academy of Learning (Lindsay), Aeroglyph, Compass Career Consultants, Computer Learning Centre, Employment Planning Council (Peterborough), GENESYS Computer Consulting, Jonathan Bennett Welding Skills, Klaassen Management Workshops, NCBE – Community Training & Development, Northern Lights, RLS Enterprises, SAIL Communications Inc., Victoria County Career Services.*

Around the County Town

by Gord Graham (call 286-6506--FAX 286-3460)

Here are some very tempting dinners coming your way this week:

• St. Paul's Anglican Church, N. Water St., Minden, a pancake supper of pancakes, sausages, dessert and coffee on Shrove Tuesday, February 11 from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

• Norland United Church, a roast beef dinner on Friday, February 14 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Reservations required for the roast beef dinner so call 454-1029 or 454-8381.

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The Alzheimer Society of Peterborough and Area is holding its support group meetings on Wednesday, February 12 and February 26 from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. in the Murray St. Baptist Church, 175 Murray St., Peterborough. For further information, call Donna MacIntosh at 705-748-5131. Also, on Monday February 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the Marycrest Home for the Aged auditorium, a video concerning loved ones with Alzheimers will be shown followed by a group discussion and refreshments. The Marycrest Home is located in Peterborough at 200 St. Luke's Ave. For more information call 705-748-5131.

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The winner of the 50-50 draw held last month in the Kinmount Legion was Jim Rogers from Bancroft and he went home with the grand sum of $63. Congratulations Jim.

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Registered charities will have the opportunity to refurbish their facilities this summer as part of the sixth annual Dulux Community Paint Donations program. The 1997 program, sponsored by C-I-L, provides the opportunity for registered charities across Canada with the opportunity to receive quality interior and exterior paint free. More information on the Dulux Community Paint Donations Program can be obtained by calling 416-964-6444, ext. 436.

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Committees are already hard at work for two big events coming up this summer. The second annual Minden Home and Garden Tour will be held on Saturday, July 12 with a whole new selection of homes and gardens to visit. And, Marvella Smith of the (Minden) County Town Museum and Pioneer Centre, has organized the first annual Quilt and Rug Show which will be held in the Minden Community Centre on Saturday, July 26 and Sunday, July 27. Marvella would like the quilters and hookers in the community to get ready for this event and to give her a call at 489-1045 to register. By the way, if there are any carpenters who could donate a few 2x4's for quilt stands it would be greatly appreciated. Please let her know.

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Get out your dancing shoes, dust off those instruments because the producers of the Royal Bank Senior's Jubilee are looking for talented seniors (55+) - singers, dancers, comedians, musicians, cabaret performers - to audition for this year's salute to seniors in the performing arts at Roy Thomson Hall in Toronto. The Jubilee, Canada's largest annual senior's entertainment showcase, (now in its 9th year), is a week-long celebration from August 11 to August 15.

To arrange for an audition, send your name, age, address, telephone number and a brief description of your act to: Glenda Richards and Wayne Burnett, Richburn Entertainment Inc., 260 Queens Quay West, Suite 2805, Toronto M5J 2N3 or FAX 416-260-5627. For more information you can call Wayne at 416-962-3819 or Glenda at 416-260-6755. Deadline is April 30.

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St. Paul's Friendship Club euchre results from last week gave the most lone hands award to Katie Parker, the high score to Jeanne Sears and the 50-50 draw to Helen Lee. Meet Mondays at 1:30 p.m. New (and old) faces are always welcome.

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Contract bridge was played last week in the Stanhope Library and wonder of wonders, Betty Roszell came in first, followed by Helen Rice second and Ross Fletcher third. Join in the fun every Tuesday at 1:00 p.m.

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Results of the seniors bid euchre games played last week in the Minden Legion were Ruth Kellett first, Gala Stamp second and Marcel Roussel third. Moonshots by Marg McAfee and Gala Stamp; hidden score by Pat Roussel. Meet Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m.

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Results of the euchre games played in the Minden Legion on January 30 were most lone hands by Gala Stamp and Roy McDonald, high scores by Carol Hill and Jim Malton, low scores by Gladys Wruth and Don McKay. Other prizes were distributed to Ed Hisson, Al Cooper and Earl Hayne. Meet Thursdays at 7:15 p.m.

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Bid euchre was played last week in the Stanhope Firefighters Hall and Marion Hill led with 331 followed by Norm Lee 307, June Branning 283, Ken Young 275, Elsie Henderson 272 and Katie Parker 266. Five moonshots rounded out the fun. Meet and play here every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Everyone welcome.

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HEALTH NEWS

How much calcium is needed to ward off osteoporosis?

New guidelines on calcium intake have just been released by the Osteoporosis Society of Canada, which states that current recommendations are too low, and that 80% of Canadians (particularly post-menopausal women) consume only one-third of the amount required to avoid osteoporosis. If you are 50+ you should consume 1000 to 1500 mg calcium daily, significantly more than Canada Health's figures of 700-800 mg.

Happy Anniversay

Once again we are preparing our annual wedding planner - *From This Day Forward*... and are requesting original wedding photographs for publication in the upcoming issue.

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All submitted photographs for consideration must be received at The Times office no later than February 17, 1997.

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Lindsay, Ontario

Ross Memorial Hospital invites submissions from individuals interested in being elected to the Hospital's Board of Governors. Elections for appointment to the Board will take place at the Annual Meeting of the Hospital Corporation (June 1997). Criteria for appointment to the Board includes residency in Victoria County or Brock Township. Certain other By-Law requirements must be met.

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The Nominating Committee
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Ross Memorial Hospital
10 Angeline Street North
Lindsay. Ontario K9V 4M8

Telephone: (705) 324-6111, ext. 4235

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CARDS OF THANKS

A belated thank you to ambulance drivers, doctors, nurses, neighbours and friends for their concern, care, cards, prayers and phone calls during Ira's recent heart attack. He is home now.
Wanda and Ira Carter.

CARDS OF THANKS

Bill McKay and family wish to thank the U.C.W. Auxiliary at the Zion United Church in Carnarvon for the luncheon provided following Sunday's Service.

The Committee of the Lochlin Community Park Centre would like to thank everyone for making their Christmas Pot Luck Supper a huge success. Sorry we have been so long thanking you for the donations of money, door prizes, food and your help.

THANK YOU
On behalf of the Minden Curling Club, I wish to thank the following businesses and supporters for making the Businesspersons Bonspiel '97 a great success.
Thank you: Toribrooke, Jodi Joanu, Cango Gas, George Hewitt Construction, "Happy" Gilmour, Westside Jug City, Of Sound Body, Russ Duhaime Photography, Kernohan Construction, Bill Roodenburg Realty, Minden Ambulance Service, Ron May Mortgage, The Cavanagh Cookie Corp., The Times, Kushog Korner Cottages, R.C.L. Branch 636 Juniors, PineStone, Toronto Dominion Bank, David Shapiera Law Office, Francis Fuels, Curnow Construction, J-Kaloo's, Pepsi-Cola, Hostess/Frito Lay, Minden Shell, Ontario Lottery Corporation and County Bowling Centre.
The help I had during this bonspiel was overwhelming. Sincere thanks to Sharon Kernohan (Kitchen Queen), Cheryl Murdoch, Sandy Cole, Zelda and Murray Cooper, Pat Woodcroft, Melanie Vigrass-Teljeur, Liz Cowan, Elaine and Don Blakey, Stan and Jean Dutka, Dwight Thomas, Kim and Gord Wood, Ian Cavanagh, Ron Chillman, Darnell Francis, Trevor Cole, Ryan Sisson, Sheila Woodcroft, Patti Brownson, Howard Scott, Barb Flynn, Keith Fountain and Lydia Comeau.
If I missed anyone, it was not on purpose and I apologise. It was a pleasure to host this event. Thanks to all the participants, especially the new curlers. Hope to see you next season as regular members. Thanks again.
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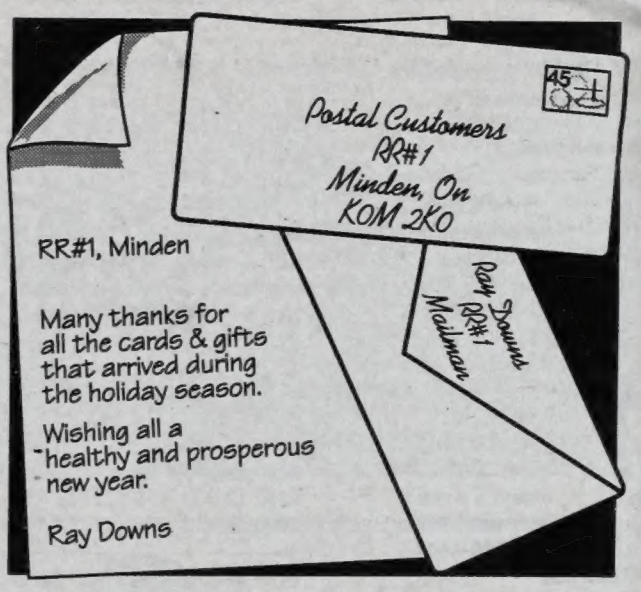

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The family of the late Jan McKay wish to thank everyone for their support in the recent loss of a wife, mother, sister and grandmother. Special thanks to the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home and staff as well as the staff and doctors at Haliburton Hospital.

The family of the late Dwayne Cooper would like to thank our relatives and friends for their love and support during our loss. The flowers, donations, money, food cards, phone calls and time spent with us during and after were greatly appreciated. A special thank you to Rev. Peter Walford-Davis, Gary Brohman, the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home and the United Church Ladies.
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The Family of Hazel Irvine.

My sincere thanks to Dr. J. Lingertat and the staff at Minden Hospital for their quick action and response to my problem. Your care and concern are much appreciated.
Helen Cox.

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IN MEMORIAM

KELLETT - In loving memory of our dear father and grandfather, Gordon, passed away February 14, 1995.
Time speeds on, 2 years have passed
Since death, its gloom, its shadow cast within our home,
Where all seems bright and took from us a shining light.
We miss that light and ever will
His vacant place there is none can fill.
Down here we mourn, but not in vain
For up in heaven we will meet again.
Sadly missed by Don, Joy, Kevin, Troy & Tosha.

LITTLE - In loving memory of Erma, my cousin and very dear friend.
Those we hold most dear never truly leave us...They live on in the kindness they showed and the love they brought into our lives.
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LEE, Norah - In loving memory of our Mom, who passed away on February 14, 1995.
I remember how you loved to sit
And watch the birds all day
Nestled in your favourite chair
You'd watch the chipmunks play.
But God looked down upon you
And thought it would be best
You grew so tired and weary
You needed now to rest.
If He would grant me just one wish
I wish that you were here
For every day I think of you
And shed a silent tear.
Love Nancy and Donna May.

HOWE, Vera - In loving memory of our dear mother who passed away February 15, 1988.
Things we feel most deeply
Are the hardest things to say
Dearest Mom we loved you
In a very special way.
If we could have one wish
One dream, that would come true
We'd pray to God with all our hearts
For yesterday and you.
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HOWE, Vera - In loving memory of my dear wife Vera.
My thoughts are always with you
Your place no one can fill
In life I loved you dearly
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They say that time heals everything
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